

STATEMENT OF GOVERNOR HALEY BARBOUR

I am pleased the Senate has voted to sustain my veto of Senate Bill 2688, and hope the entire Legislature will now move to resolve this issue. We have the resources to restore funding to our priorities, including law enforcement and corrections, this year, through a funding restoration bill is already in a conference committee. It's critical that we put this fiscal year behind us because we have major challenges and tough decisions to make on the state budget for next year. I will continue working with the Legislature in that effort.